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SUBJECT: W/W - GROUP OF 80 AMCITS IN FINANCIAL DISTRESS IN EUROPE

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1. SUMMARY: ROME REFTEL ADVISED MUNICH THAT A GROUP OF 80 AMCIT PILGRIMS FROM THE STS. VOLODMYR AND OHLA UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC PARISH, 2247 W. CHICAGO, AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS WERE DESERTED BY THEIR TRAVEL AGENT TOUR LEADER IN ROME AND LEFT IN DISTRESSED FINANCIAL POSITION. MEMBERS OF GROUP HAVE AIRLINE TICKETS TO U.S. BUT VERY LITTLE CASH. PARTY OF ABOUT 60 HAVE CHARTER FLIGHT LEAVING LONDON 19 JULY, OTHERS HAVE FLIGHTS FROM ROTTERDAM AND AMSTERDAM WITH U.S. CONNECTION VIA PARIS ON 18 JULY. GROUP LEADER FATHER MARIAN BUTRYNSKY, GROUP MEMBER MARTA SHARUN, AND THREE OR FOUR OTHERS CAME TO CONGEN THIS MORNING TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE IN PAYING MUNICH HOTEL BILL AND IN ARRANGING TRAIN TICKETS TO CITIES WHERE FLIGHTS DEPART. HOWEVER, GROUP LEFT BEFORE ASSISTANCE COULD BE RENDERED.

2. TOUR LEADER, MR. ROMANIUK OF TYRONE INT. TRAVEL INC., 9400 WEST IRWING PARK RD., SCHILLER PARK, ILLINOIS WAS PAID APPROX. 900 DOLLARS BY EACH MEMBER OF TOUR. PRICE INCLUDED ROUND TRIP AIR
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CHARGES. ROMANIUK DESERTED GROUP IN ROME. HIS PRESENT WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN BUT HE MAY BE LEADING ANOTHER GROUP OF PILGRIMS IN EUROPE TOGETHER WITH HIS PARTNER, PAUL OELEKSIUK.

3. FATHER BUTRYNSKY ARRANGED CHURCH LOAN OF 10,000 DOLLARS IN ROME TO COVER HOTEL BILLS THERE. HE EXPECTED TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL 10,000 DOLLARS FROM CHICAGO CHURCH AT MUNICH HOTEL TODAY, HOWEVER, MONEY DID NOT ARRIVE.

4. GROUP INCLUDES SEVERAL ELDERLY PERSONS AND SOME YOUNG CHILDREN. BUTRYNSKY UNABLE TO ORGANIZE GROUP EFFECTIVELY AND DOES NOT HAVE COMPLETE LISTS OF GROUP MEMBERS.

5. BUTRYNSKY, SHARUN AND THREE OR FOUR OTHERS CAME TO CONGEN THIS MORNING TO REQUEST MONEY TO PAY MUNICH HOTEL BILL, ADVANCE MONEY TO COVER TRAIN TRIP, AND ARRANGE TRAIN RESERVATIONS. INITIALLY THEY WANTED TO REMAIN MUNICH UNTIL 18 JULY TO PERMIT ELDERLY AND EXHAUSTED GROUP MEMBERS TO REST. GROUP MEMBERS HAVE EURAIL PASSES EXPIRING TODAY. BUTRYNSKY THEN DECIDED THAT GROUP SHOULD LEAVE TODAY. CONGEN WAS PREPARED TO ADVANCE FUNDS UNDER 7 FAM 375.4-2 BUT BUTRYNSKY REFUSED TO WAIT FOR FUND DISBURSEMENT TO BE ARRANGED AND DOCUMENTED.

6. GROUP IS BELIEVED TO HAVE LEFT MUNICH AT 13:00 BY TRAIN FOR AMSTERDAM (AR 22:17), ROTTERDAM (AR 22:32), AND LONDON (AR 09:14 ON 18 JULY).

7. SUGGEST ADDRESSEE POSTS BE ALERT FOR POSSIBLE REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE FROM GROUP.SPIVACK

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